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Dear Readers:

Welcome to a very special project: the twin companion BEAUTY AND THE BEAST manga set! This particular manga is THE BEAST'S TALE, where we relive the classic story from the Beast's perspective.

Creating a manga image for such a ubiquitous and enigmatic character such as the Beast is a challenge unto itself. Fortunately, we were blessed with an extremely talented team of artists in Japan who ended up with the perfect manga look. To do so, the artists balanced extensive notes and guidance from the Disney team with inherent manga sensibility – and you can experience that process a bit by studying the Concept Art bonus pages near the end of this book.

Further, adapting the gorgeous production design from the film into hand-drawn illustrations in the manga was an exhilarating experience. Our goal was always to satisfy your innate curiosity about this classic world and characters while keeping the manga aesthetic relevant to your reading experience. Hopefully you'll enjoy the visuals as much as we do.

And of course adapting this world-renowned story for the page was critical, especially honing in on the Beast's point of view, which is particularly unique to this book. While BEAUTY AND THE BEAST is famously Belle's story, we wanted to demystify the Beast in a personal and intimate way.

So, in this manga you can dive in and experience this side of the Beast from within – his true emotions, his soul. Join us on a journey into the Beast's mind – and see what Belle saw, and who she fell in love with.

TOKYOPOP is proud to bring you THE BEAST'S TALE!

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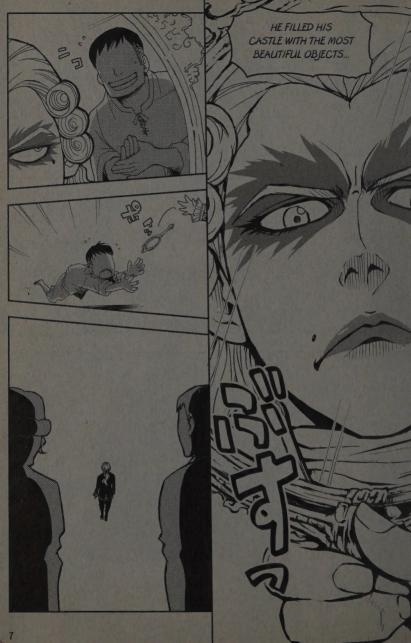


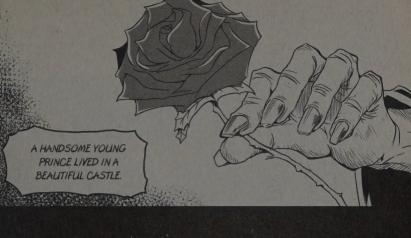
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ALTHOUGH HE HAD EVERYTHING HIS HEART DESIRED...

> ..THE PRINCE WA. NOT CONTENT.







...BUT I STILL CANNOT REMEMBER HOW TO GET TO "HAPPILY EVER AFTER."



ALL THE STORIES IN THE WORLD, AND I AM TRAPPED IN THIS ONE.









IF IT IS MY BIRTHRIGHT AS ROYALTY TO HAVE ALL THAT I DO...



IS IT, THEN, THE CURSE OF ROYALTY TO FEEL SO ALONE WHEN SO SURROUNDED? Giran Service Service

THAT IS NOT HOW THE STORY LADS.





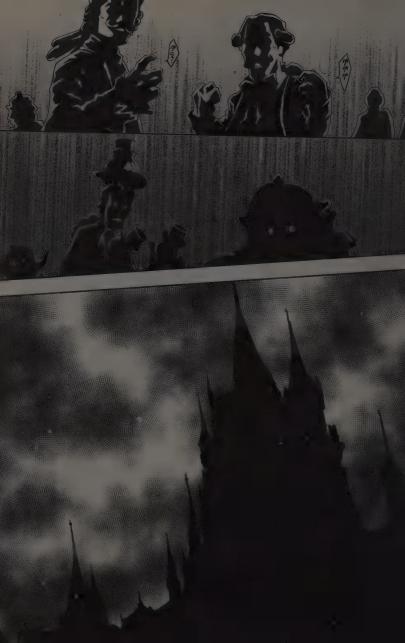




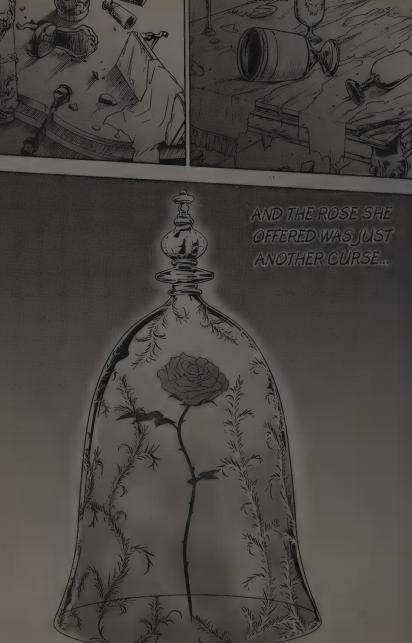






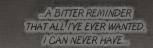














FOR WHO COULD EVER LEARN TO LOVE A BEAST?



































HEISJUSTLIKE THEREST OF THEM.

> GREEDY, SELF-SERVING, AND...



...TERRIFIED OF ME.

THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING BUTHEAR THESE LAST FEW YEARS, HOW CAN THERE EVER POSSIBLY BE LOVE?





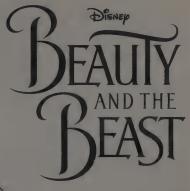


























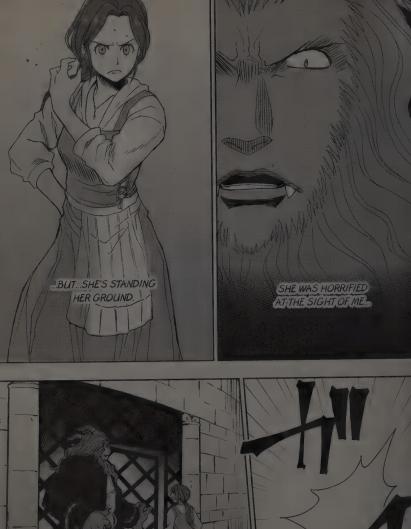
























I'M SORRY, PAPA, I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH YOU ... NO, THIS WAS MY FAULT. NOW LISTEN, BELLE ... SOMUCHOFWHAT WEALLARE. ...ISBECAUSE OF OUR PARENTS ...! ENOUGH OF THIS! SHE MUST GO NOW!





NO BARS UPON THE WINDOWS...

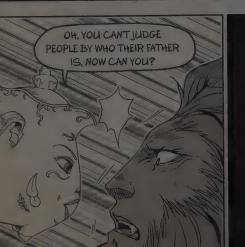
MYWRISTS, AND YET...











SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A COMMON THIEF!

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK THAT MAKES HER?





I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER IF HE CAN HANDLE HER. MASTER. THERE ARE CHILDREN PRESENT.









LEFOAUSEII MAYENEVERBEEN ANYTHING MORE





















PERHAPS I SHOULD JUST LET HER GO.
MY FATE HAS BEEN SEALED SINCE THAT NIGHT.
PRETENDING OTHERWISE IS MERELY A FARCE.











DONT CARE IF SHE DIES OUT THERE

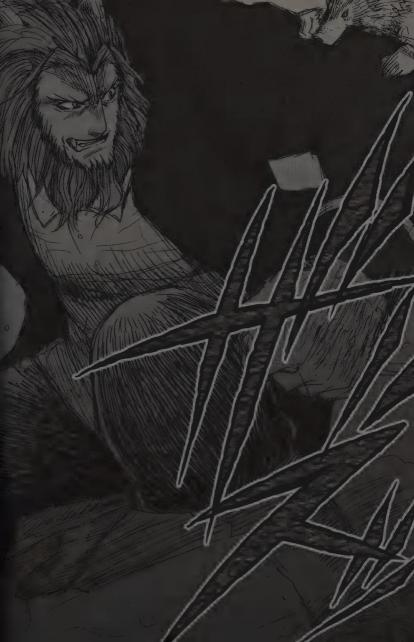
































SAVIORS ARE OVERRATED, THE WHIMSICAL LIES OF STORIES.

...THEREARENO SUCHTHINGS AS HEROES.













HIS CRUEL FATHER TOOK THAT SWEET, INNOCENT LAD...

## SHE'SHOULDN HEARING THIS.

AND TWISTED HIM UP TO BE JUST LIKE HIM...

















IMUST.

I.WANTITO.

HELP THEM.











I SEE HER CURIOSITY WHEN SHE LOOKS AT ME.

> AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, TOO. I THOUGHT IT WAS PITY... BUT IT ISN'T. IT'S COMPASSION.







GIVES ME COURAGE.





SHE'S JUST...

TALKING TO ME, LIKE ...

WE'RE FRIENDS.

IT ONLY JUST OCCURRED TO ME, BUT...

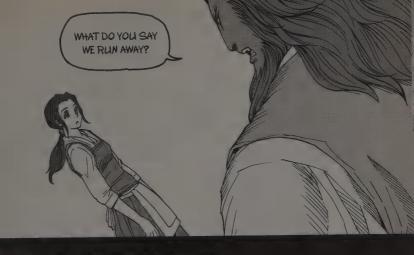
I'VE NEVER HAD A FRIEND BEFORE.









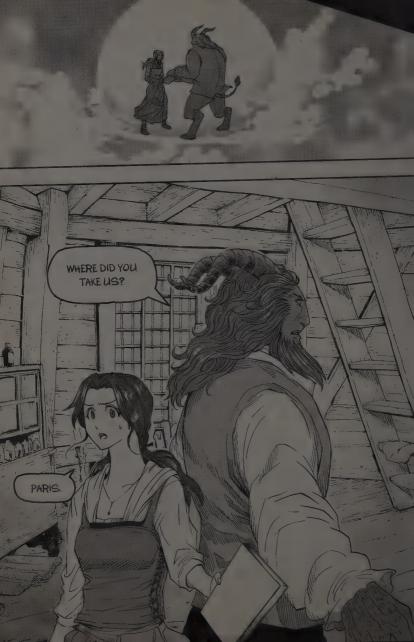


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## BUT NOW.











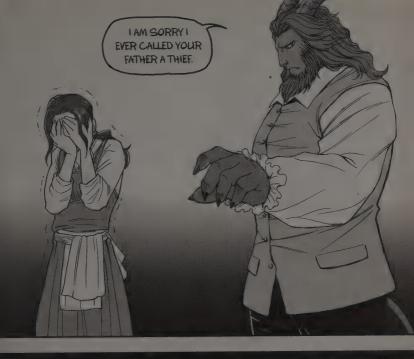








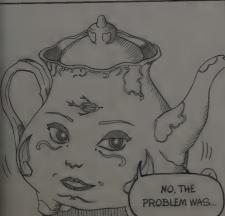






































SHE CANNOT USE THE BOOK WITHOUT ME, AND I CANNOT GO WITH HER...BUT...





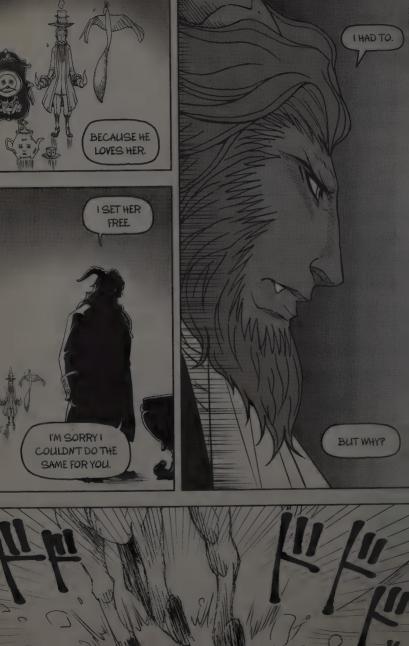
















I LEARNED TOO LATE THAT

...WAS A CHOICE I COULD HAVE MADE ALL ALONG.

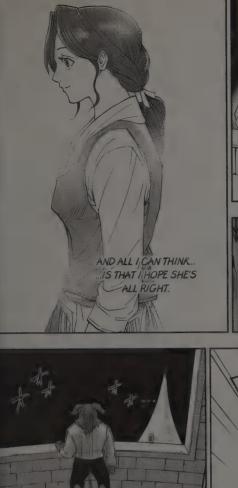
EVEN THOUGH I LET HER GO, SHE'LL' ALWAYS BE WITH ME.

IN MY MIND ...

AND IN MY HEART.

AND THOUGH I KNOW I SHOULDNT... SOME PART OF ME WILL ALWAYS WAIT FOR HER TO COME BACK

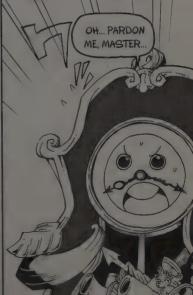
















































INFEEL SO WARM.

ISTHIS DEATH.

IF I AM TO LIVE... ...I MUST LEARN TO FORGIVE.

BELLE ..?

OR REBIRTH?

COULD IT BE ...?

SHE WAS CRYING







LOOK AT THEM... SMILING, HAPPY...

THEY'VE ALL CHANGED BACK! WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN...

#### I FINALLY UNDERSTAND ...

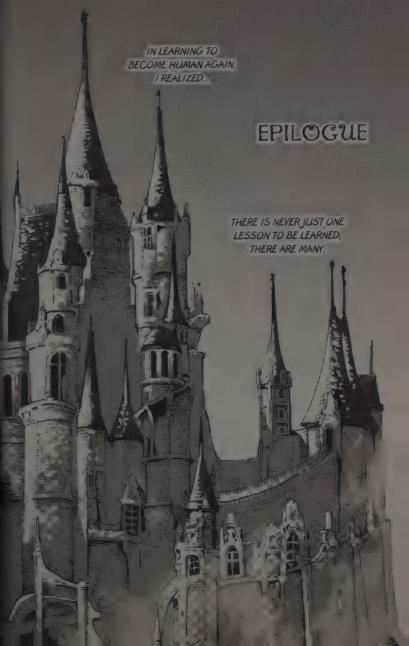




### GROWING IS A PROCESS. IT NEVER STOPS.

BEAUTY ISN'T ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE...









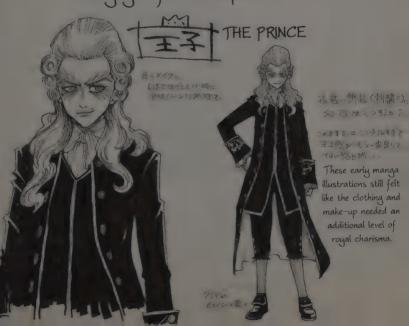




### MANGA CONCEPT ART

It took many variations of rough concepts to find the best version that best captured the essence of the film character while maintaining a manga look and feel.

Enjoy a few examples here!

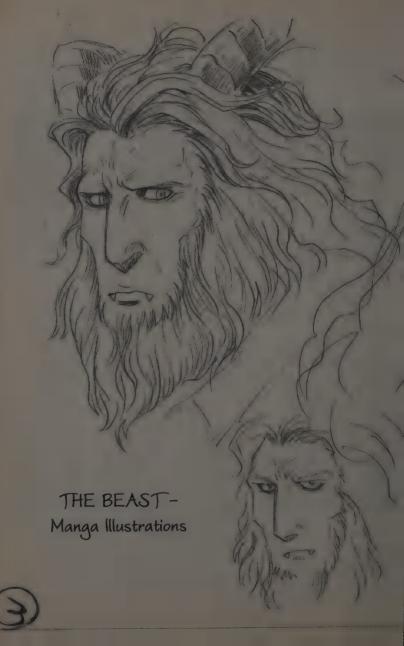








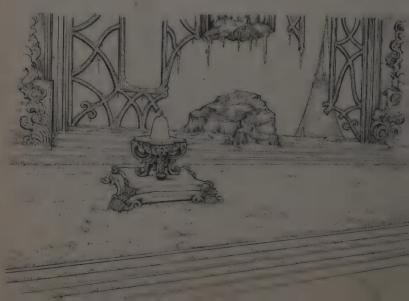




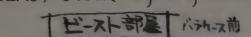




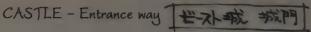
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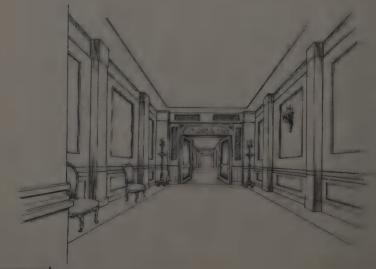
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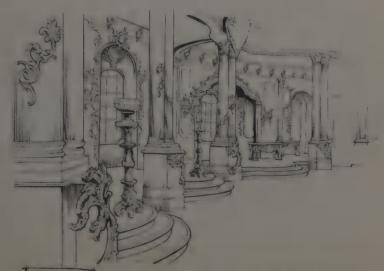


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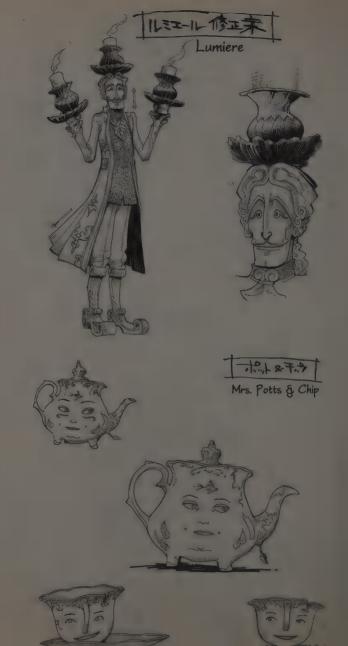


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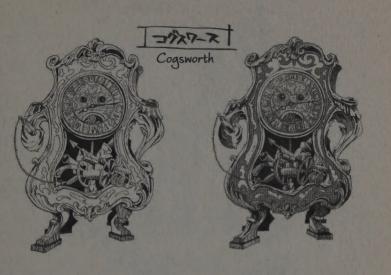
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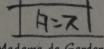
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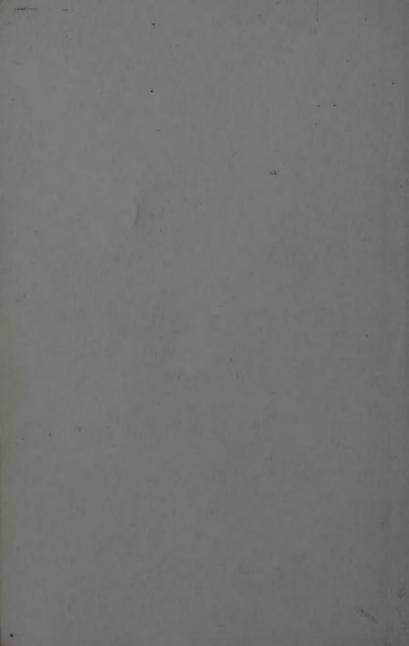
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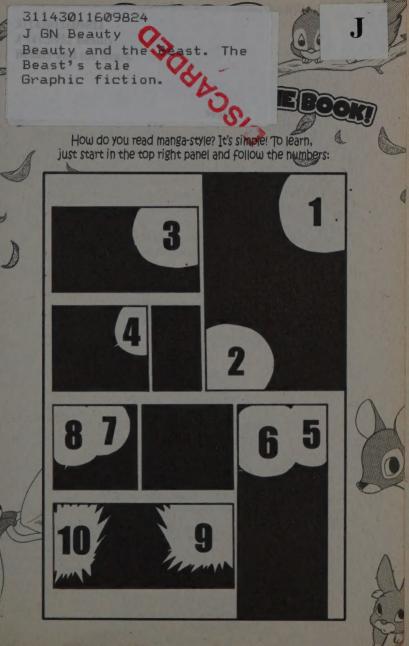




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In Disney's live-action film Beauty and the Beast, Belle, a bright, beautiful and independent young woman, is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite

her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's hideous exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince inside. This manga explores the Beast's struggle as he tries to move on from his past and learn what it is to love.









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